

# Muscoy MAC

## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 19, 2008**

### Council Members Present:

Gloria Dickey

Anna Duarte

Vanney Mayberry

Kay Sanders

**Absent:** Wallace Herbert; Jerry Smith

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anna Duarte at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### MINUTES:

Council Member Gloria Dickey moved to amend the Minutes of the January meeting to reflect that the statistics from the Sheriff's Department include both months of November and December. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion and all were in favor.

### STAFF REPORTS

#### A. Sheriff's Department – Service Specialist Kathy Gray (909) 387-0337 kgray@sbc.org

Total calls for service for January – 647; Total report calls – 102

5 – Malicious Vandalism; 4 – Stolen Vehicles; 6 – Recovered stolen vehicles; 14 – property crimes/commercial, residential and vehicle burglary, identity theft, graffiti, grand and petty theft; 5 – miscellaneous reports; 10 – Crimes against person's, arson, felony spousal abuse, sex crimes, domestic battery, assault w/weapon and injury, obscene phone calls and threats; 18 – Miscellaneous reports, runaway juvenile, CPS follow-up, death and psyche inv; 13 – Arrests, felony spousal abuse, burglar, resisting officer, drunk in public, possession and under the influence of drugs; 26 – Warrant arrests

#### B. California Highway Patrol – Officer Joe Ramos (909) 383-4247

Officer Ramos reported that the CHP has received a grant to fund additional patrols for the San Bernardino area. The number of accidents on the highways has been down, allowing CHP to patrol more and respond to taggers.

He said there is a \$9,999 State grant available for a Seatbelt challenge. This grant is targeting high schools and asked that we encourage high schools administrators to participate in this grant opportunity.

There are also openings for the Senior Volunteer Program, both for clerical and field positions. Interested persons, please contact the office for an application. A background check is required.

#### C. Animal Control – John Papp (800) 472-5609

Calls for service in 2007 were 1300, up from the 1011 in 2006. The number of impounded animals also rose in 2007 to 1024, up from the 853 in 2006. The number of animal bites was down by 33 in 2007.

County Animal Control is in the process of hiring new officers, allowing for four officers to be on shift per day.

#### D. County Code Enforcement – Ignacio Nunez (909) 387-4044

Ignacio Nunez is the new Code Enforcement Supervisor for unincorporated Muscoy. He reported that Joana Cavazos is assigned to Muscoy full-time and they have 125 active cases in the Muscoy area. Several warrants were served resulting in arrests and recovery of over 30 junk cars, parts, inoperable vehicles and health & safety violations.

Mr. Nunez stated that they were planning a sweep in cooperation with environmental health to target illegal taco/food vendors. Concerns were expressed regarding the illegal fruit vendors in the area. Mr. Nunez stated that reports should be made each time the fruit vendors are there for documentation.

The next community clean-up is scheduled for April 19th and 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Non-Action Items**

A. Group Home Sub-Committee Report – Due to the absence of Chair, Wallace Herbert, Council member Kay Sanders reported that they had not had a meeting, however she expressed concerns regarding the numerous sex offenders living in Muscoy and would like to see a County Ordinance similar to one being considered in Redlands.

B. CERT Report – Anna Duarte stated that the next training would be scheduled in April. Anyone interested in the training may email [muscoycert@gmail.com](mailto:muscoycert@gmail.com).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Action Items**

#### **A. CERT Certificate of Completion – Dennis West**

Mr. West, from the County Office of Emergency Services, presented certificates of completion to the first-ever Community Emergency Response Team Program in Muscoy: Participants included: Laura Baltazar; Julie Claunch; Larry Claunch; Sandi Claunch; Linda Jackson; Vanney Mayberry; William Nava; and Moises Serrano.

#### **B. Certificate of Appreciation – Anna Duarte**

Council Member Duarte presented Oscar Portillo with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Supervisor Josie Gonzales in recognition for his excellent civic responsiveness, concern for public safety and beautification of the Muscoy Community.

### **Non- Action Items**

None

## **REPORTS**

### **5<sup>th</sup> District Field Representative – Frances Vasquez**

Ms. Vasquez reported that Supervisor Josie Gonzales agreed to accept the MAC's request to move forward with a street lighting special election. She gave direction to Special Districts Dept. to commence with initiating the election process. Ms. Vasquez summarized the past year's major activities and accomplishment that impacted the Muscoy community.

Supervisor Gonzales appreciates the time and effort that citizens take to help make the community a better place for all who live, work and stay in Muscoy. She is grateful for the gift of service MAC members past and present have given. Larry Claunch and Jerry Smith are recent examples of members who have served the community at the best of their ability, and have decided to take a well- deserved break. Due to an injury, Jerry is unable to attend tonight's meeting to accept a certificate of recognition from the Supervisor, so he has agreed to return in March so we can publicly recognize him here.

Members were invited to apply for future service on the Muscoy MAC. We are fortunate that there are citizens in Muscoy who are willing to step up to the plate in service of their community. For duties and responsibilities please contact me at 909 387-4565, or go to the Supervisor's website at [www.sbcounty.gov/bosd5](http://www.sbcounty.gov/bosd5).

Supervisor Gonzales made a \$1 million allocation toward design/build of a community center on the corner of Darby and Macy. This brings the total of \$4 million the Supervisor has contributed for this endeavor. Mr. Neal Baker donated the land to the County where the center will be built. Jerry Smith made the motion to name the

center after Mr. Baker when construction is completed in recognition for his generosity to the community where he was raised in.

Lee Sena is serving as Interim general manager of the Muscoy Mutual Water Co. Because of serious acts of vandalism last year, they installed surveillance cameras at their well sites and at the general office. We went on a tour a couple of weeks ago to review illegal dikes near their water wells. These dikes are on private property and people should not be trespassing there.

The installation of the streetlights in Muscoy is virtually complete. Only four LS-1 lights had not been set in the North side of Muscoy. Edison crews have been "under grounding overhead facilities" in the area and they do not want to get their wires crossed.

The Board of Supervisors approved the award of the construction contract for the Vermont Street Sidewalk project. According to DPW staff, construction was scheduled to begin on February 15 and is estimated to be completed by March 30, 2008. We want to thank the MAC for recommending this project that will ultimately provide Vermont Elementary students a safer route to school. (Reminder: The MAC recommended the project in 2006 and involves 1900 feet of sidewalk).

DPW completed the work on thinning the high eucalyptus trees and removed the dead ones on the north side of street, last week, throughout the Muscoy area. Because of high wind danger, several trees were identified as posing a threat to the pedestrian and motoring public. DPW has scheduled a sweeper for next week to pick up the sand left in the streets and intersections from the recent (and upcoming) storms. The State St. overlay from Adams N. / Nolan was completed in late December. Routine maintenance road maintenance continues.

The new cross-gutter project is still in the design phase and construction is estimated for Fall 2008. The locations are: Blake at Vermont; Bronson at First; Duffy at Third; Nolan at California; and Vermont at Portola.

Construction is continuing on the State Street / University Parkway grade separation project. San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is committed to keeping people informed about periodic traffic changes during construction. For more information, contact SANBAG at (909) **875-6029 x216**.

Anyone with an e-mail address can automatically receive timely updates on San Bernardino County news, events, and services completely free of charge through the county website at [www.sbcounty.gov](http://www.sbcounty.gov).

San Bernardino County rolled out a comprehensive program to curb illegal dumping in unincorporated communities, including Muscoy. Residents who witness illegal dumping in unincorporated communities will be rewarded up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the identification and/or arrest and conviction of an illegal dumper. Citizens may provide information immediately by calling We Tip at: **(800) 78-CRIME** or by submitting information online at [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com).

Supervisor Gonzales has a community calendar link on her County website: [www.sbcounty.gov/bosd5/](http://www.sbcounty.gov/bosd5/). She welcomes Fifth District non-profit organizations to submit information on public events for posting on this site.

Residents may call toll-free for **1-877-44-ABATE** for graffiti abatement services. The contract covers all and only properties located within the County 5th District unincorporated areas. The contract will allow the vendor to abate graffiti located on private property with written consent from the property owner. The current response time for graffiti complaints is 48 hours.

**Tattoo Removal Program** - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. The clinic is being offered to juveniles 15-18 years old. It is free to juveniles referred by the Probation Dept. Parents/guardians must accompany the youth. For information, contact Bill Woods at **909 580-3216**.

#### **MAC MEMBER REPORTS:**

Chairman Anna Duarte and Council Member Kay Sanders and  
No Report

Council Member Gloria Dickey

Rev. Dickey announced that ARMC Volunteers are having their annual Spring/Summer Craft Show May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 5:00pm at 400 North Pepper Avenue in Colton. For more information or to participate, please contact Rev. Dickey at (909) 855-2288 or email at Rev\_GloriaDickey@msn.com.

Rev. Dickey would also like to have the Welcome to Muscoy signs added as an action item for next month's agenda.

Council Member Vanney Mayberry

Mr. Mayberry announced that the Vermont Sidewalk Project was underway.

Council Member Jerry Smith

Not present

**Public Comments:**

Dan Marquez

Mr. Marquez was on hand from Blake Little League to inform the public that sign-ups are being held on Saturdays and Wednesday. To date, there are 100 children signed up and they are hoping for 200. Tryouts will be starting soon with teams forming shortly thereafter.

William Evans

Mr. Evans, a counselor from Vermont Elementary, wanted to notify the public of the Child ID Program starting at the school in March. Children will be fingerprinted; photographed and medical information will be attached to a card for the parents to be used in the event of a missing child.

Mr. Evans also mentioned that the Career Fair will be coming up in the future. Vermont Elementary is also working on the parking issue at the school. Law enforcement has been writing tickets to violators but this is an ongoing issue.

Larry Claunch

Mr. Claunch wanted to know what was being done regarding the numerous group homes in the area. He expressed concern that there were multiple group homes with sex offenders located close to the school.

Jane Hunt

Ms. Hunt wanted to let the community know about the Lytle Creek Watershed Action Project. Cal State received a grant from Cal fed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11pm. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2008 at Muscoy Fire Station # 75, 2852 Macy Street.

Submitted by: T. Frank – Muscoy MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565